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SUBJ: BOMB EXPLODES IN CHINESE EMBASSY

REF: LUSAKA ARL 1498

1. ZAMBIAN MEDIA HAVE NOT YET RELEASED NEWS OF BOMB EXPLOSION IFW CHINESE EMBASSY LUSAKA AUGUST 18 WHICH, ACCORDING BBC CITING TASS Y 0500 GMT THIS MORNING, KILLED WIFE OF CHINESE OFFICIAL AND INJURED EMBASSY EMPLOYEE. THOUGH BBC STATED BOTH CHINESE EMBASSY AND GRZ REFUSING COMMENT, DEVICE REPORTEDLY A PARCEL BOMB. NOTE THAT VOA CARRIED SUBSTANTIALLY SAME STORY AT 0600 GMT ALONG WITH REPORT (ALSO UNPUBLICIZED HERE) OF UNEXPLODED SUITCASE BOMB FOUND IN ZAPU LUSAKA HEADQUARTERS. DAILY MAIL EDITOR MIJONI INFORMED PAO OF CHINESE EMBASSY BOMB INCIDENT WITH REQUEST INFO BE HELD IN CONFIDENCE; MEDIA HAD BEEN ASKED NOT TO PRINT STORY. FOREGOING AND REF MESSAGE ONLY INFO WE HAVE AT PRESENT TIME.

2. THIS IS SECOND PARCEL BOMB INCIDENT IN ZAMBIA THIS MONTH.

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FIRST WAS THAT WHICH KILLED SECRETARY IN SOUTHERN PROVINCE MINISTER

MUTEMBA'S LIVINGSTONE OFFICE AUGUST 6 (LUSAKA 1427)
THERE ABSOLUTELY NOTHING SPECIFIC TO INDICATE ANY RELATION-
SHIP BETWEEN THESE INCIDENTS, BUT, PURELY SPECULATIVELY,
IT CONCEIVABLE THEY PART OF EFFORT BY DOMESTIC POLITICAL
MALCONTENTS OR OUTSIDERS TO CREATE DIVISIONS AND OTHER
DIFFICULTIES FOR KAUNDA AND HIS GOVERNMENT AT TIME OF HIGH
TENSION ALONG SOUTHERN BORDER AND POLITICAL FERMENT CONNECTED
WITH ESTABLISHMENT OF ONE PARTY STATE AND PENDING ELECTIONS
(A-98). STRESS WE HAVE NOTHING CONCRETE TO SUPPORT SUCH
CONCLUSION, BUT, IF DOMESTICS LIENTS RESPONSIBLE, IT
REASONABLE ASSUME THEY REQUIRED OUTSIDE HELP IN FASHION-
ING AND HANDLING THESE BOMBS.

3. IN ANY EVENT, POSSIBILITY OF ORGANIZED ATTEMPT STRIKE
AT MISCELLANEOUS TARGETSWITH VIEW TO UNDERMINING GRZ HAS
LED EMBASSY REVIEW AGAIN AND STRENGTHEN ITS PROTECTIVE
MEASURES AGAINST LETTER AND PARCEL BOMBS.NELSON

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